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In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 09/449,575

Examiner: Dzung D. Tran

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DESTINATION-TO-SOURCE PROTECTION SWITCH SETUP IN OPTICAL NETWORK TOPOLOGIES

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 18, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003, having been duly extended from September 18, 2003, until December 18, 2003, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This response complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

Remarks are submitted beginning on page 12.

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